

MICAELA KELLY

v.

JOSHUA GREENLAW

Submitted on Briefs November 28, 2018
Decided January 15, 2019

Panel: SAUFLEY, C.J., and ALEXANDER, MEAD, JABAR, HJELM, and HUMPHREY, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Joshua Greenlaw appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Lewiston, *Carlson, J.*) dismissing Greenlaw's motion for contempt in this parental rights and responsibilities matter.¹ Contrary to Greenlaw's contention, in the context of this case, including Greenlaw's numerous episodes of noncompliance with court orders and failures to appear, even after verbal and written warnings from the court, the court's dismissal of Greenlaw's motion was far from an abuse of discretion. *See Terjelian v. Concord Grp. Ins. Co.*, 606 A.2d 197, 198 (Me. 1992); *see also* M.R. Civ. P. 16A(d); *Unifund CCR Partners v. Demers*, 2009 ME 19, ¶¶ 8, 12-13, 966 A.2d 400. Out of fairness to Kelly, and to ensure the timely resolution of disputes in the courts, dismissing Greenlaw's motion was

¹ This Court (*Gorman, J.*) dismissed as interlocutory Greenlaw's appeal of the portion of the judgment granting Kelly's motion for sanctions because the nature of the sanction had not yet been determined.

altogether in the “furtherance of justice.” *Unifund CCR Partners*, 2009 ME 19, ¶ 8, 966 A.2d 400.²

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed. Remanded for the prompt adjudication of pending matters.

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² Between the first post-judgment motion filed in March 2015 and the court’s judgment dismissing Greenlaw’s motion for contempt in May 2018, a total of eight District Court judges and three family law magistrates issued a total of twenty-four substantive orders. On remand, for the efficient adjudication of pending and future matters in this high-conflict case, one judge and one family law magistrate should be assigned to efficiently manage the case.